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G.O. No. 574	Press Mis.—
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No. 65. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, Camp at Kodaputty, dated 12th March 1857, No. 10850.

Read the following letter from WILLIAM FRASER, Esq., Civil Engineer; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated near Kopinairy, 27th February 1857.

SIR,

On the 20th of last month I made application to you for a Dresser, but have not since heard any thing on the subject.

Since then I have had to send Mr. Kowven, to Hospital again, and Mr. Conroy, had to be sent in again two days ago.

Mr. Kowven has, I understand been ordered to the Western Coast for two months and I have no expectation of seeing Mr. Conroy here again.

My Maistry and Gomastah and three of my Lascars are away in fever, and one of Mr. Brosnahams is ill, as are also many others attached to our encampment. I do not wish to press this matter on your attention if there is any objection to it on any other grounds, but that of cost.

On the question of cost however, I beg to make one remark the *direct* loss to the service by sickness at the present time, is about 240 Rupees per month; and if we suppose that only one fourth of this amount would have been saved by the presence of a Dresser, it can hardly be denied that full value would have been given for his pay.

This does not include the cost of sending these parties to Hospital; nor the indirect loss of our own time, through the absence of our Assistants.

Resolved, to forward to Government for information, copy of the foregoing letter dated 27th February 1857, from Mr. Fraser, Covenanted Civil Engineer, containing information of the continued sickness prevalent in that Officers Camp, and with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 422, dated 4th March 1857, to express the Chief Engineer's fears, that Mr. Fraser, is not himself in a position, to secure the Stipendiary services of a Dresser.

(Signed) C. E. FABER, Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

No. 66. ORDER THEREON, No. 574; dated 30th March 1857.

The Government have already passed orders on Mr. Fraser's application for a Dresser, and if the Chief Engineer is apprehensive that a pensioned Medical Subordinate cannot be found in Coimbatore he can himself make enquiry elsewhere.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 10850

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer
in the Department of Public Works. Fort St George
Under date the 12th March 1857.

Read the following letter

Camp at Nodapully,
near Nopivairy
27th Feby/57.

From
William Fraser Esqr
Civil Engineer

to
Colonel Faber
Chief Engineer

Sir,

On the 20th of last month I made application to you for a Dresser, but have not since heard any thing on the subject.—

Since then I have had to send Mr Noonan to Hospital again and Mr Conroy had to be sent in again two days ago.—

Mr Noonan has, I understand been ordered to the Western

Coast

Coast for two Months.- and I have no expectation of seeing Mr Conroy here again.-

My Majesty and Gomastah and three of my Lascars are away in Fever, and one of Mr Brownhaus is ill, as are also many others attached to our encampment.- I do not wish to press this matter on your attention if there is any objection to it on any other grounds but that of Cost.-

On the question of Cost however, I beg to make one remark.- The direct loss to the Service by sickness at the present time, is about 240 Rupees per Month; and if we suppose that only one fourth of this amount would have been saved by the presence of a Draper, it can hardly be denied that full value would have been given for his pay.-

This does not include the Cost of sending these parties to Hospital; nor the indirect loss of our own time, through the absence of our Assistants.-

I have &c
Sd/ W. Fraser
Civil Engr

Resolved, to forward to Government for information, Copy of the foregoing letter dated 27th February 1857. from Mr Fraser Executive Civil Engineer, containing information of the Continued Sickness prevalent in that Officers Camp, and with Reference to Ex. Mins: Cons: No 422 dated 4th March 57 to express the Chief Engineers fears, that Mr Fraser is not himself in a position to secure the Stipendiary services of a Draper.-

True Extract
Wd Lieut Colonel
Chief Engr

To
The Secretary to Govt
P.W.D.

Lt. Mins

Dy to Comr 10th March /57 N 438 Encl

Public Works 1857 Depte
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Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer
To
The Secy to Govt
PWD.

Dated 12th March /57
Received 18th do

No 10850

Forwarding for the information of Govt copy of a letter from Wm Fraser Commanding Sappers Engineer, containing information of the continued sickness prevalent in that district, Camp. Perhaps with the Chief Engr Jeans, with reference to Govt No 422 of 4th March 1857. That Mr Fraser is not in a position to become the Stipendiary Physician of the District.

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The Govt have already rejected orders on Mr Fraser's application for a Surgeon, and if the Chief Engineer is apprehensive that a pensioned Medical Subordinate cannot be found in Coimbatore he can himself write enquiring elsewhere. —

Fort St George
30th March 1857

Copy to the Chief Engr Carnatic